TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

1914-15

THE TORONTO THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

CALENDAR

Canadian Foresters Building
22 College Street
Toronto

LISTEN! I will be honest with you,
I do not offer the old smooth prizes, but offer rough new prizes,
These are the days that must happen to you:

You shall not heap up what is call'd riches,

You shall scatter with lavish hand all that you earn or achieve,

You but arrive at the city to which you were destin'd, you hardly settle yourself to satisfaction before you are call'd by an irresistible call to depart,

You shall be treated to the ironical smiles and mockings of those who remain behind you,

What beckonings of love you receive you shall only answer with passionate kisses of parting,

You shall not allow the hold of those who spread their reach'd hands toward you.

—WALT WHITMAN.

FOREWORD

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY was founded in 1875 by Mme. Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Col. H. S. Olcott, William Q. Judge and others, as an international organization for the furtherance of the following three objects . First—To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color ; Second—To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science ; Third—To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man. The Society has no creed nor dogmas, and is not intended to combat the existing sects, but to explain and supplement them.

The Toronto Theosophical Society was chartered in 1891 by the founders, and during the twenty-three years of its existence has endeavored to maintain an open platform, where all phases of religion may be discussed with reference to their origin and the secret tradition associated with them.

The Society's chief activity is its series of Sunday Evening Lectures on religion, ethics, philosophy, science, mysticism, occultism and theosophy, by speakers both inside and outside the Society.

The Strangers' Class is designed to provide elementary instruction in the teachings underlying all the great world religions, with

special emphasis upon those doctrines which have been the outstanding contributions of the theosophical movement to western thought—reincarnation, karma, the sevenfold nature of man and the mechanism of spiritual unfolding.

The series of lectures on Christian mysticism is a continuance of the Talks on the Parables, of last session, and is commended to those who have a special interest in the application of the theosophical method to Christian Scripture.

The Tuesday Lectures on Mystical Literature deal with those difficult and cryptic writings, ancient and modern, which do not yield readily to interpretation without a knowledge of the bases of symbolism and the phenomena of inspiration.

The Research Department Papers replace the Short Study Courses of former years and represent the work of the members of the Toronto Society in bringing theosophic thought to bear upon the elucidation of problems in the fields of archæology, history, philosophy, science and literature.

The Secret Doctrine Class is a group for the study of Mme. Blavatsky's monumental work of that name and is intended for the more advanced students.

The Society also maintains an extensive free lending library, containing all the available literature arising out of the present Theosophical Society in its various branches, as well as a wide selection of works on mysticism, occultism and comparative religion by writers, who, while not specifically theosophists, have contributed to the present movement.

All activities are open to the public and may be entered at any time.

There are no fees or charges.

The only reasonable object any external religious system can possibly have, is to elevate man from a lower state to a higher one, in which he can form a better conception of his true dignity as a member of the human family.—Dr. Franz Hartmann.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES
7.15 P.M.
MAIN LODGE ROOM

The Sunday Evening Lectures embrace their usual wide range of topics. The visiting speakers include Mr. Claude Bragdon, widely known as architect, illustrator and writer upon theosophy and the fine arts ; Dr. T. P. C. Barnard who has been prominent in the United States for many years in connection with his work in Freemasonry and various phases of occultism, and Rabbi Price, who is a recognized authority on the religious literature of the Jewish people. The Society is again indebted to Rev. Dr. Eakin, Prof. DeLury and Dr. A. D. Watson. Dr. Lelia A. Davis makes her first appearance with the Toronto Society after several years' residence in India. The one consecutive course of the series is that of Mr. Mitchell who will contribute a sequence of studies in the rise and fall of nations.

SYLLABUS

Sept.	6.	Twenty-five Years of Theosophy in Toronto. . . . . Mr. Smythe
"	13.	National Ideals. . . . Mr. Mitchell
"	20.	Wonders of Ghostland. . . . . Mr. Horwood
"	27.	Pilgrimage of the Soul. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Oct.	4.	The Book of Enoch. . Mr. Smythe
"	11.	Physical and Psychical Phenomena and the Fourth Dimension. Mr. Claude Bragdon, Rochester, N.Y.
"	18.	Who Were the First Christians ? Mr. Horwood
"	25.	The Talmud. Rabbi Price, PhD.
Nov.	1.	Orpheus. . . . . Mr. Smythe
"	8.	Patriotism. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
"	15.	Paul the Initiate. . . Mr. Horwood
"	22.	Morality. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
"	29.	Psychic Powers. . . . . Dr. T. P. C. Barnard, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Dec.	1.	Time-Cycles. . . . . .Mr. Smythe
"	13.	Education. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
"	20.	The Chair of St. Peter. . . . . Mr. Horwood
"	27.	Ancient Calendars. .Mr. Beckett
Jan.	3.	Consciousness in the Insect World Mr. Smythe
"	10.	Art. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
"	17.	Why People Do Not Go to Church Mr. Horwood
"	24.	The Book of Job. . . . . Rev. Thomas Eakin, Ph.D.
"	31.	The Development of Personality. Dr. A. D. Watson
Feb.	7.	"Monsters of the Prime". . . . . Mr. Smythe
"	14.	Religion. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
"	21.	Astrology. . . . . .Mr. Horwood
"	28.	St. Paul's Message. .Mr. Belcher
Mar.	7.	The Kabbalah . . . . . Rabbi Price, Ph.D.
"	14.	Empire. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
"	21.	Jesus, and The Christ. . . . . Mr. Horwood
"	28.	Greek Scientific Methods. . . . . Prof. DeLury
April	4.	Magic or Miracle. . .Mr. Smythe
"	11.	Decadence. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
"	18.	The Church and Political Power. Mr. Horwood
"	25.	Theosophy in India. . . . . Dr. Lelia Davis
May	2.	Sun Worship. . . . . .Mr. Smythe
"	9.	White Lotus Day : Special Programme.
"	16.	The Coming Race. .Mr. Horwood
"	23.	The Last Phase. . .Mr. Mitchell
"	30.	The Great Pyramid. Mr. Belcher
June	6.	Dolmens, Cromlechs, and Round Towers of Ireland. Mr. Smythe
"	13.	The Theosophical Culture. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
"	20.	The Duty of Theosophists. . . . . Mr. Horwood
"	27.	Nineteenth Century Philosophy.. Mr. Beckett

STRANGERS' CLASS

Thursdays at 8 P.M.

ROOM 205

Mr. Mitchell

While these addresses are designed to afford to beginners a simple presentation of the broad outlines of theosophical teaching, they are so arranged in continuous series that they offer special advantages to both elementary and intermediate students who desire to take up systematic study. The lecturer will outline courses of reading to suit individual needs.

SYLLABUS.

Oct. 1—World Religions.
" 8—Their Outer Side.
" 15—Their Inner Side.
" 22—Source of the Tradition.
" 29—The Elder Brothers.
Nov. 5—Theosophy in All Ages.
" 12—Vestures of the Soul.
" 19—The Design Body.
" 26—The Vital Principle.
Dec. 3—The Vehicle of Desires.
" 10—Lower Mind.
" 17—Higher Mind.
Jan. 7—The Divine in Man.
" 14—Reincarnation.
" 21—Karma.
" 28—Post-Mortem States.
Feb. 4—The Return to Birth.
" 11—The Four Castes.
" 18—The Three Roads.
" 25—Discipleship.
Mar. 4—The Six Virtues.
" 11—Initiation.
" 18—Adeptship.
" 25—Nirvana.
Apr. 1—The Left-Hand Path.
" 8—Creation.
" 15—Our Solar System.
" 22—World Periods.
" 29—Lost Continents.
May 6—The Aryan Race.
" 13—What is to Come.
" 20—The Animal Kingdom.

TUESDAY LECTURES ON MYSTICAL LITERATURE

First and Third Tuesdays, at 4 P.M.
Mr. Mitchell

The fourth season of these addresses will include authors previously dealt with and two not hitherto touched upon. William Blake's major epics and two of Bulwer-Lytton's novels will be taken up. Four poems, presenting Walt Whitman in his aspect of prophet, two plays by the Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore, and two further studies in Balzac complete the course.

SYLLABUS.

Oct. 6—Balzac's "Louis Lambert."
Oct. 20—Balzac's "Jesus Christ in Flanders".
Nov. 3—Whitman's "Whoever you are, holding me now in hand."
Nov. 17—Whitman's "Eidolons."
Dec. 1—Whitman's "Song of the Broad Axe."
Dec. 15—Whitman's "Songs of Parting."
Jan. 5—Tagore's "Chitra."
Jan. 19—Tagore's "The Post Office."
Feb. 2—Blake's "Vala."
Feb. 16—Blake's "Jerusalem."
Mar. 2—Lytton's "Zanoni."
Mar. 16—Lytton's "The Coming Race."

The inner world of thought and being is really the habitat of the soul, while the physical body, like the diving bell, enables us to explore and gain experience on another plane which otherwise must remain to us forever unknown.—Dr. J. D. Buck.

The day of blind faith has gone by, never, I hope, to return. If we are to have any religion—and every man of moral feeling longs for some religious convictions—it must be one that is in reconciliation with science and natural law.—H. S. Olcott.

CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM SERIES

Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 4 P.M.

ROOM 205

Mr, Smythe

No work of the present theosophical movement had has so profound and far-reaching an effect as its application of the great philosophies of the East to the Christian scriptures. Last year Mr. Smythe inaugurated a department for the study of the New Testament in the light of these long-forgotten traditions, and dealt with the parables of Jesus. In a series of twelve addresses, this year he will take up the hidden values in "The Sermon on the Mount," and "The General Epistle of James."

SYLLABUS.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

Oct. 13—The Light. Matt. iv. 23 ; v. 1-16.
Oct. 27—The Law. Matt. v. 17-32.
Nov. 10—The Gospel. Matt. v. 33 ; vi. 1-4.
Nov. 24—Prayer. Matt. vi. 5-34.
Dec. 8—Karma. Matt. vii. 1-12.
Dec. 22—Fruits. Matt. vii. 13-29.

GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES.

Jan. 12—Temptation. James i. 1-8.
Jan. 26—Religion. James i. 19-27 ; ii. 1-9.
Feb. 9—Faith. James ii. 10-26.
Feb. 23—Wisdom. James iii.
Mar. 9—Pleasure. James iv.
Mar. 23—Patience. James v.

If from the new stand-point of spiritual investigation we meditate upon the old legends and myths, allowing those grand and powerful pictures which have come down from primeval times, to work upon our minds, we shall find if we have been equipped for our task by the methods of occult science, that these legends and myths are the expressions of a most profound and ancient wisdom.—RUDOLF STEINER.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT PAPERS

Fridays at 8 P.M.
ROOM 205

The Research Department Papers constitute the Society's exchange for the more specialized forms of inquiry in which its members are engaged. An effort has been made to choose those fields of study in which little or nothing has been done thus far by theosophical writers. The substance of these addresses will be published under the general title of: Transactions of Toronto Theosophical Society. (q.v.)

SYLLABUS.

Oct. 2, 9—The Druids.
MR. SMYTHE.

Oct. 16, 23, 30—Comparative Tables of the Planes according to Various Systems.
MR. MITCHELL.

Nov. 6, 13—Theosophical Societies in the Christian Era.
MISS SMITH.

Nov. 20, 27—Significance of the Pyramids.
MR. BELCHER.

Dec. 4, 11—Ovid's "Metamorphoses."
MR. BECKETT.

Dec. 18—Richard Maurice Bucke, M.D.
MR. SAUNDERS.

Jan. 8, 15—Babylonian Religion.
MR. HOYER.

Jan. 22, 29—The Mound Builders.
MR. HORWOOD.

Feb. 5, 12—Traces of a Mystery Tradition Among the American Indians.
MR. JOYNER.

Feb. 19, 26—Vergil's Æneid Book VI.
MR. MAGEE.

Mar. 5, 12—The Effect of Access to India upon the Thought of Europe.
DR. DAVIS.

Mar. 19, 26—Thomas Taylor, the Platonist.
MR. MORGAN.

SECRET DOCTRINE CLASS

Sunday, 10.30 A.M.
ROOM 205
Mr. Beckett

This class is now studying the first volume of the Doctrine, and all visitors will be welcome at any time.

LIBRARY

ROOM 205
Mr. Goff

Books may be had at any of the times mentioned in the preceding list of classes. No charge is made. The books must, however, be returned or renewed within two weeks.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

Miss Smith

For the benefit of persons out of town three courses of reading—Elementary, Intermediate and Student's—have been outlined and a set of the books required for each will be loaned for a period of two months (subject to renewal in the Intermediate and Student's grades). These sets, consisting of half-a-dozen volumes each, and a suitable glossary, are boxed and expressed C.O.D. to those desiring them. No rental is charged, but the boxes should be returned, express charges prepaid.

PAMPHLET LITERATURE

Miss Bayly

Free Booklets dealing with a wide range of theosophical subjects are constantly available and may be had upon application to the Secretary.

TRANSACTIONS

These consist of twelve monographs containing the substance of the Research Department Papers (with useful bibliographies of sources appended), and will be issued shortly after the close of the present session. They will be for sale singly or in the set of twelve. Further details may be secured from the Secretary.

BOOK STEWARD

ROOM 205

Mr. Conn Smythe

The Book Steward is prepared to secure works of a theosophical nature for those desiring them. A stock is maintained of the principal works of all the theosophical publishing houses.

LECTURERS

The Society's lecturers are always available for outside engagements with colleges, schools, lodges, travel clubs, reading and literary societies, and similar organizations, both in Toronto and in the surrounding cities and towns, and the lectures will be illustrated wherever possible. All such services are rendered free. Subjects may be chosen from the current calendar or any preceding ones.

Learning is the perception of differences. Wisdom is the perception of similarities. The final statement of wisdom must be : *All are one in God.*—Walter Gorn Old.

Once the Truth of truths has been clearly seen, the flame has been lit forever, and though it may and will be weakened now and again, it can never entirely die out.—Bhagavan Das.

MEMBERS

Persons who subscribe to the first object of the Society are eligible. Application blanks may be had of the Secretary. All services to the Society are rendered free. The activities are maintained by voluntary contributions.

OFFICERS

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SUMMER SERIES

Upon the expiry of the present syllabus, a course of Sunday lectures for the summer months will begin. The program for the course may be had upon application.

The greatest spot on the earth is the little hill of vision, far eclipsing the hanging gardens of Babylon ; it is the ever enduring hill, with ever-springing greenery, ever-living waters, where the mother raises her brood of heroic children.—D. N. Dunlop.

Any person of average intellectual capacities, and a leaning towards the metaphysical; of pure unselfish life, who finds more joy in helping his neighbour than in receiving help himself ; one who is ever ready to sacrifice his own pleasures for the sake of other people; and who loves Truth, Goodness and Wisdom for their own sake and not for the benefit they may confer,—is a theosophist.—H. P. Blavatsky.

WEST END LODGE

Sundays at 3 P.M.

ASH'S HALL, Cor. College and Ossington.

(Entrance 164 Ossington Ave.)

ORANGE HALL, Cor. College & Euclid

The West End Lodge has grown up in response to the westward expansion of Toronto and its activities are provided especially for those who reside in the western section of the city. The success of last year's monthly lectures has seemed to justify the establishment of regular Sunday meetings. An effort will be made to deal with the simpler phases of theosophy.

SYLLABUS.

Sept. 6—The Theosophical Movement..... MR. SMYTHE
" 13—The Holy Grail....MR. BELCHER
" 20—Christian Socialism. . MR. PERKINS
" 27—Whence and Whither ?..... MR. HORWOOD
Oct. 4—The White Man's Burden..... MR. HAYDON
" 11—The Disciple. . . . . .MR. MITCHELL
" 18—Diet and the Spiritual Life..... MISS BUDD
" 25—Gods. . . . . .MR. SMYTHE
Nov. 1—Walt Whitman. . .MR. SAUNDERS
" 8—Robert Browning's Theosophy.... MR. BELCHER
" 15—The Human Aura. . . .MR. JOYNER
" 22—The Masters. . . . . .MR. HORWOOD
" 29—The Initiate. . . . . .MR. MITCHELL
Dec. 6—Buddha's Life and Teaching..... MR. HOYER
" 13—Mahomet's Life and Teaching.... MR. JANNATI
" 20—Jesus' Life and Teaching..... MR. BELCHER
" 27—Fairies. . . . . .MR. SMYTHE
Jan. 3—"Human Goodness". MR. PERKINS
" 10—The Astral Ligt.....MR. JOYNER
" 17—Emerson's Theosophy..... MR. BELCHER
" 24—True Christianity. . .MR. HORWOOD
" 31—The Adept. . . . . .MR. MITCHELL

Feb. 7—H. P. Blavatsky. . . .Miss Smith
" 14—The Law of Karma. .Mr. Garratt
" 21—The Principles of Theosophy.....
Mr. Haydon
" 28—Devils. . . . . .Mr. Smythe
Mar. 7—"Come forth to the light of the world,
Let nature be your teacher."
Mr. Jannati
" 14—Clairvoyance. . . . . .Mr. Joyner
" 21—The Sufis. . . . . .Mr. Hoyer
" 28—"The Blood is the Life". . . . . .
Mr. Horwood
Apl. 4—John Woolman, Quaker Saint.....
Mr. Perkins
" 11—Ruskin's Ethics of the Dust".....
Mr. Belcher
" 18—White Magic. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
" 25—Animals. . . . . .Mr. Smythe
May 2—Occultism Among the Caribs.....
Mr. Joyner
" 9—White Lotus Day . . . . .Dr. Davis
" 16—Character Building. . . . .Miss Budd
" 23—"The Adversary". .Mr. Horwood
" 30—Black Magic. . . . . .Mr. Mitchell
June 6—Lytton's "Zanoni". .Mr. Belcher
" 13—Data of Reincarnation. Mr. Joyner
" 20—The Theosophical Society's Seal...
Mr. Haydon
" 27—Angels. . . . . .Mr. Smythe

STUDY CLASS

Mr. Belcher

A study class will be formed and full particulars announced as soon as possible. Details may be secured at the Sunday meetings or from Mr. Felix A. Belcher, 250 Lisgar Road.

To adhere to divine law, to cast in our lot with the spiritual side of life and trust to that, is to take the way of life, of a life which is deep and enduring, a life not subject to the death of the body, but extending upward and onward illimitably.—Charles Johnston.

HAMILTON SERIES

Sundays at 11.00 A.M.

ROYAL TEMPLARS' HALL

Cor. Main and Walnut Streets

The Hamilton Sunday Lectures for 1914-15 will comprise five series. Mr. Horwood will deal with the scientific side of theosophy; Mr. Smythe with the Christian side; Mr. Belcher with the relation of theosophy to modern literature; Mr. Mitchell with the stages of spiritual development, and Mr Hoyer with comparative religion.

SYLLABUS.

Sep. 6—The Ancient Quest. Mr. Mitchell
Sep. 13—Dreams. . . . . Mr. Horwood
Sep. 20—Theosophy and Christian Doctrine Mr. Smythe
Sep. 27—Tennyson. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Oct. 4—The Chosen People. Mr. Mitchell
Oct. 11—The Pyramids. . . . . Mr. Horwood
Oct. 18—Genesis. . . . . Mr. Smythe
Oct. 25—Browning. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Nov. 1—The Master. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
Nov. 8—Clairvoyance. . . . . Mr. Horwood
Nov. 15—The Logos. . . . . Mr. Smythe
Nov. 22—Lytton. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Nov. 29—Buddhism. . . . . Mr. Hoyer
Dec. 6—Spirituality. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
Dec. 13—The Formation of the Earth. . . . . Mr. Horwood
Dec. 20—The Gospel. . . . . Mr. Smythe
Dec. 27—Emerson. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Jan. 3—Wisdom. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
Jan. 10—Ghosts. . . . . Mr. Horwood
Jan. 17—The Awakening. . . . . Mr. Smythe
Jan. 24—Ruskin. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Jan. 31—Druidism. . . . . Mr. Hoyer
Feb. 7—Magic. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
Feb. 14—Our Solar Universe. . Mr. Horwood
Feb. 21—The Virgin of the World. . . . . Mr. Smythe
Feb. 28—Whitman. . . . . Mr. Belcher
Mar. 7—Sacrifice. . . . . Mr. Mitchell
Mar. 14—Thought Forms. . . . Mr. Horwood
Mar. 21—Crucifixion. . . . . Mr. Smythe

Mar. 28—Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus"..... Mr. Belcher
Apr. 4—Initiation.....Mr. Mitchell
Apr. 11—The Cult of the Fish.Mr. Horwood
Apr. 18—Hermeneutics.....Mr. Smythe
Apr. 25—Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero Worship".....Mr. Belcher
May 2—What is to Be.....Mr. Mitchell
May 9—Nationality.....Mr. Horwood
May 16—Resurrection.....Mr. Smythe
May 23—Carlyle's "Past and Present"..... Mr. Belcher
May 30—Taoism.....Mr. Hoyer

STUDY CLASS

Saturdays at 8 P.M.
45 SOPHIA ST. S., HAMILTON
Mr. Tallman

This is an elementary and general group for the methodical study of theosophical text books. It may be entered at any time and visitors are cordially welcomed.

Every would-be Occultist should be the one person, in his own home and circle, to whom everyone most readily turns in sorrow, in anxiety, in sin—sure of sympathy, sure of help. The most unattractive, the most dull, the most stupid, the most repellent, should feel that in him, at least, they have a friend. —Annie Besant.

So many people like Theosophy, and yet they at once wish to make it select and of high tone. It is for all men. It is for the common people, who are ever with us. Others, again, come in and wait like young birds for food to be put into them ; they will not think, and ages must pass before they progress.—W. Q. Judge.

A CLEAN life, an open mind, a pure heart, an eager intellect, an unveiled spiritual perception, a brotherliness for all, a readiness to give and receive advice and instruction, a courageous endurance of personal injustice, a brave declaration of principles, a valiant defence of those who are unjustly attacked, a constant eye to the ideal of human progression and perfection which the Sacred Science depicts —these are the golden stairs up which the Learner must climb to the Temple of Divine Wisdom.—H. P. BLAVATSKY.

Every thoughtful student of the literature of the ancient religions, including that of early Christianity, cannot but be impressed by the fact that in each and all of them may be found very clear intimations of a secret traditional lore, an arcane science, handed down from times immemorial.—JAMES M. PRYSE.

Sin as ordinarily understood is a figment of the theological imagination ; what really exists is an unfortunate condition of ignorance which often leads to infraction of the divine law.—C. W. LEADBEATER.

Under the inviolable law of cause and effect, the soul returns to birth with its powers crippled or expanded by its own actions alone.—JEROME D. ANDERSON.

I DIED from the mineral and became a plant;
I died from the plant and reappeared in an animal;
I died from the animal and became a man.
Wherefore then should I fear? When did I grow less by dying?
Next time I shall die from the man, that I may grow the wings of the angels.
From the angel, too, must I seek advance.
'All things shall perish save His face.'
Once more shall I wing my way above the angels.
I shall become that which entereth not the imagination.
Then let me become naught, naught; for the harp-string
Crieth unto me: 'Verily unto Him do we return.'

—From the Persian.

Alas, Alas, that all men should possess Alaya, be one with the Great Soul, and that, possessing it, Alaya should so little avail them.

—Voice of the Silence.